



MEDIA ADVISORY

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HECB to hold public hearing in SeaTac

OLYMPIA— Members of the Higher Education Coordinating Board will hold a public hearing in SeaTac on Thursday, Nov. 13, to hear public reaction to the panel's draft plan for higher education in Washington. The meeting will take place from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel.

The 10-member citizen board released a draft of its 2004 Strategic Master Plan for Higher Education on Oct. 29. The plan calls for a 20-percent increase by 2010 in the number of students who graduate from college and contains several recommendations to strengthen the connection between the higher education system and the state's economic development.

An interim version of the plan is due to the Legislature and governor by mid-December. The final plan will be published next June following legislative review.

Board members will hold a similar public hearing in Spokane tomorrow (Nov. 10), from 7:30 to 10 a.m. at the Spokane Riverpoint higher education campus.

Who: Higher Education Coordinating Board
What: Public hearing on draft 2004 Strategic Master Plan
Where: Chaps Ballroom, Radisson Hotel
17001 Pacific Highway South, SeaTac
When: Thursday, Nov. 13
11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

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The plan is available through the HECB Web site:

<http://www.hecb.wa.gov/Docs/packets/03October/HECBDraft-10-30-2003.pdf>